

*nated to supervise the referendum shall deem necessary and sufficient, MENT, IN SUCH FORM AND SUCH DETAIL AS to inform the employees of the rights which will accrue to them and their dependents and survivors, and the liabilities to which they will be subject, if their services are included under an agreement under this sub-title.*

(B) THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF THE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND ARE RESPECTIVELY AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED TO MAKE RULES AND REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO SUCH SYSTEMS, OR ANY OF THEM, AS TO (1) THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PERSONS WHO SHALL BE ENTITLED TO VOTE IN THE REFERENDUM; (2) THE NUMBER OF VOTES REQUIRED TO CONSTITUTE FAVORABLE APPROVAL OF THE QUESTION OR QUESTIONS SUBMITTED IN SAID REFERENDUM, PROVIDED THAT SUCH NUMBER SHALL NOT BE FIXED AT LESS THAN A MAJORITY OF THE PERSONS ENTITLED TO VOTE; AND (3) LIMITATIONS ON FREQUENCY OF REFERENDA IN THE SAME RETIREMENT SYSTEM. SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL THERE SHALL HAVE BEEN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 9 OF ARTICLE 41 OF THIS CODE.

~~(b)~~ (C) *Upon receiving evidence satisfactory to him that with respect to any such referendum the conditions specified in Sections 218 (d) (3) of the Social Security Act have been met, the Governor shall so certify to the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.*

~~(e)~~ (D) *The cost of any referendum involving State employees in the State Employees' Retirement System, the Teachers' Retirement System or the State Police Retirement System, shall be met by the particular retirement system; the cost of any referendum involving the employees of a political sub-division of the State shall be met by that political sub-division.*

39. (A) *The extended coverage of State and local public employees under the Federal Old Age and Survivors' Insurance System as provided for in this sub-title is declared to be retroactive to January 1, 1955, if the specific plan which is formulated in any instance for the extension of coverage so provides.*

(B) NOTHING IN THIS SUB-TITLE SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO OBLIGATE THE STATE OF MARYLAND OR ANY POLITICAL SUB-DIVISION THEREOF, WITHOUT ITS CONSENT, IN THE EVENT ITS PENSION OR RETIREMENT SYSTEM IS INTEGRATED WITH THE FEDERAL OLD AGE AND SURVIVORS INSURANCE SYSTEM, TO EXPEND OR OBLIGATE ITSELF FOR ANY GREATER NET EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS ON BEHALF OF SUCH PENSION OR RETIREMENT SYSTEM THAN IF THIS SUB-TITLE HAD NOT BEEN ENACTED AND AMENDED.

40. *For purposes of referendum and of effecting the coverage of Federal Old Age and Survivors' Insurance, the State of Maryland is declared to have the option of treating the State Employee's Retire-*